

# THREATEN TO UNSEAT SOCIALIST ALDERMEN

## *Republicans, Opposing Protest Motion, Say They Will Follow Assembly's Lead.*

Republican Aldermen, in a stormy session of the board yesterday at which Democrats and Socialists combined to vote a request that the Assembly reconsider its suspension of its Socialist members, threatened that if those Legislators were unseated, they would proceed to throw the Socialists out of the Board of Aldermen. Alderman Vladeck, Socialist, charged that two years ago a conference was held by Democratic members of the Board as to whether the Socialist members should be seated, but no action was taken. Alderman Bruce M. Falconer, Republican, admitted that he had drawn such a resolution, but it was never presented, the Democrats refusing to agree. He gave notice that if the Assembly succeeded to expel the Socialist members, action to investigate Socialist Aldermen would be taken by the Republicans.

President La Guardia of the Board and the Democratic majority wrangled with the Republicans before the passage of the reconsideration resolution over the rules laid down last week by the majority. William J. Flynn, Commissioner of Public Works for the Bronx, sitting with the Board for Borough President Henry Bruckner, broke from his party and voted in the negative with the Republicans.

The majority report of the Committee on State Legislation, to whom the resolution was referred, declared that the action of the Assembly was "a blow at the very cornerstone of representative government," that "the act tends to destroy representation of every minority political body," and that the Socialist members, if guilty of sedition, should have been prosecuted, "but judgment should not have been visited upon them until the hour of judgment had come."

The Bar Association Committee, excluded from taking part in the Assembly proceedings, returned to New York last night. Though they said their statement at Albany contained all they cared to say it was intimated that they would take further action later.

The New York County Socialists at their headquarters at 7 East Fifteenth Street held various committee meetings last night, arranging to canvass the city for funds to aid the Albany fight. They issued an appeal to "all people who value the democratic principles embodied in the Declaration of Independence to come to our aid both morally and financially," sending funds to Jacob Hillquit, Treasurer.

The Committee of Seventeen, representing labor and civic organizations, has issued a call for a State convention in Albany Jan. 31, to protest against the Assembly's action. Every labor organization, farmers' society, and civic body in the State is invited to send two delegates.

Dr. Karl Gottfried, Secretary of the Socialist Club of the Seventeenth Assembly District, from whose rooms records were stolen, said that no clue had been found. He believed those who broke in wanted not to secure documents, but to "plant" others.